

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 10, 2000 (BOS Mtg. 5/16/00)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Fort Eustis Boulevard Extension Alignments

### **BACKGROUND**

As the Board is aware, the extension of Fort Eustis Boulevard east of Route 17 to the intersection of Goodwin Neck Road (Route 173) and Seaford Road (Route 622) has been one of the County's top priority road projects for many years. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) conducted a Location Public Hearing for this project at York High School on Wednesday, May 3, and is accepting written comments on the various alignment alternatives currently under consideration. The comment period is an opportunity for the Board, if it so chooses, to express its opinion to VDOT as to its preferred alignment. This enables VDOT to take the Board's desires into consideration in conjunction with the opinions expressed by citizens either at the public hearing or during the comment period. Thirty-five people attended the hearing, the majority of whom, according to VDOT, expressed support for the project. With regard to alignments, the clear preference was for the "B" alignments, which, in comparison with the "A" alignments, orient the road farther from the homes on Allen Harris Drive in Settler's Crossing.

After closely reviewing the six alternative alignments, staff has concluded that Alignment BD best serves the needs of the County and its citizens. In comparison with the other alignments, Alignment BD offers the optimal combination of advantages. It provides a fairly direct route to Interstate 64 for Seaford residents while reducing the impacts on residential properties (Allen Harris Drive). This alignment also provides good access to the industrial property between Old York-Hampton Highway and Goodwin Neck Road and has a relatively low impact on wetlands.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend that the Board adopt proposed Resolution No. R00-73, expressing its support for Alignment BD as its preferred alignment for the extension of Fort Eustis Boulevard. This resolution also reiterates the Board's desire, as expressed in its adoption of the County's Interstate and Primary Roads Plan on February 2, 2000, that this roadway be designed to include a landscaped median.

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Attachments

- Map of alignment alternatives
- Proposed Resolution No. R00-73